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Evolve or die.

Man-Bat

Among the Dark Knight's menagerie of freakish adversaries, none is more disturbing or eerily compelling than Kirk Langstrom, the genetic engineer and biochemical genius who became the tortured creature Man-Bat. Now Langstrom stands at the brink of a horrifying evolutionary upheaval in the eagerly-awaited *Elseworlds* saga **BATMAN: MAN-BAT.**

This 3-volume Prestige miniseries begins as a Californian eco-warrior unwittingly delivers a terrifying biological weapon into the hands of someone who can only benefit from its use. A progressively mutated Kirk Langstrom dreams of a world peacefully free of the scourge of humankind. He is the architect of a utopia populated by a new, dominant species, *Homo chiropterus* —"man-bat." It falls to Batman to navigate a moral minefield in a seemingly doomed attempt to dissuade or coerce Langstrom — or what he's become — from following the path of genocide.

This gripping, horrific tale is brought to vivid life by writer Jamie Delano (HELLBLAZER) and the beautiful fully-painted art of John Bolton (THE BOOKS OF MAGIC miniseries). BATMAN: MAN-BAT is suggested for mature readers.

BATMAN: MAN-BAT...evolve or die.

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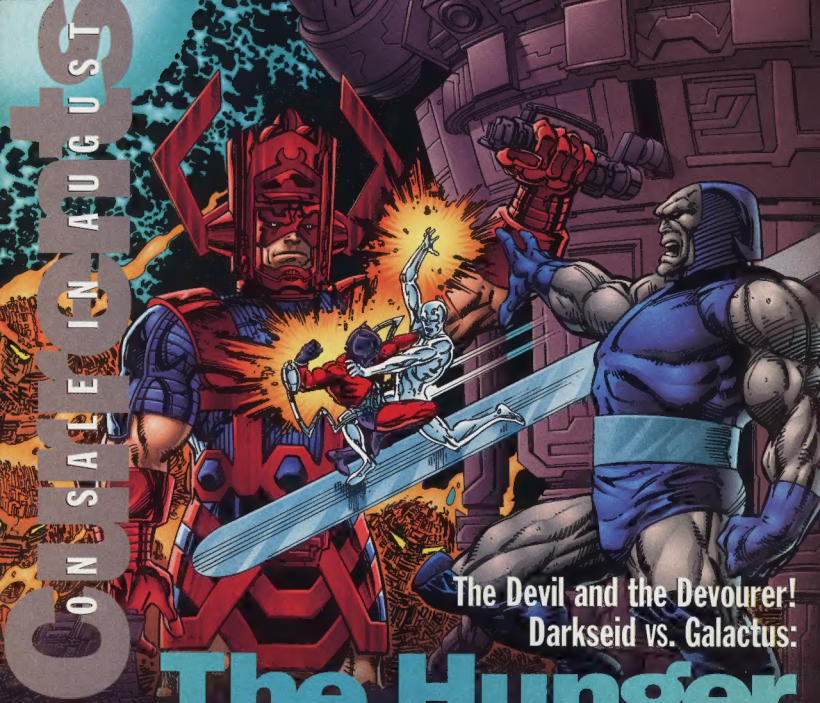


The Devil and the Devourer!

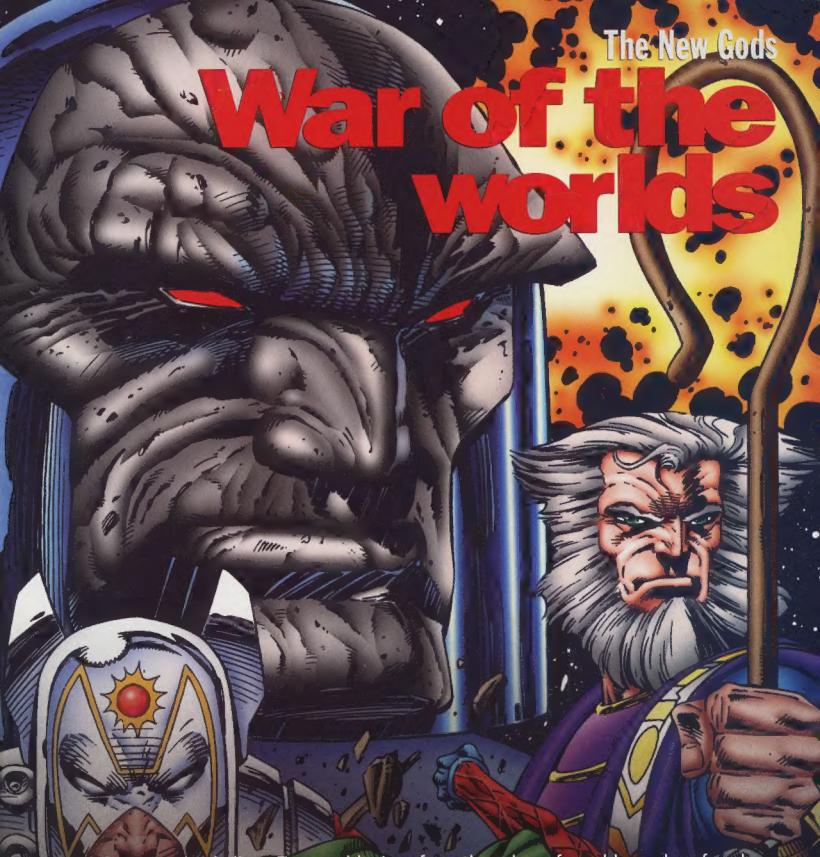
Darkseid vs. Galactus: The Hunger

Beyond time and space as we know them spins a world born of nightmares, where seething energy pits spew corruption into the void. It is a world ruled by a demonic despot who embodies the dark side of a universe. Suddenly a new force approaches the planet, seeking to sate an all-consuming hunger with the life force of a world. Now, evil incarnate must challenge a sentient force of nature in the history-making Prestige Format one-shot from DC Comics and Marvel Comics, **DARKSEID VS. GALACTUS: THE HUNGER**.

DARKSEID VS. GALACTUS unites some of the most powerful characters in the DC and Marvel Universes — characters that were first brought to life by the legendary Jack Kirby. Written and illustrated by John Byrne (WONDER WOMAN, SUPERMAN, *Next Men, Uncanny X-Men, Fantastic Four*), THE HUNGER is a star-spanning tale of how the Silver Surfer — still the herald of Galactus — leads his colossal master to feed upon the hellish world of Apokolips. But Darkseid will not stand by to watch his kingdom be destroyed. What follows is a struggle to shake the cosmos, as even the ferocious Orion of New Genesis joins the fight to save Apokolips from the hunger of Galactus.

DARKSEID VS. GALACTUS: THE HUNGER...when titans clash!

War of the worlds



New Genesis. Apokolips. Two worlds risen from the ashes of an older order of gods; worlds separated by eternal struggle yet bound together inextricably by a mysterious power known only as The Source. The old gods are dead; *long live the NEW GODS!*

NEW GODS chronicles the cosmic adventures unfolding in the farthest reaches of the DC Universe, starring characters created by the legendary Jack Kirby. This new series offers a level of art and storytelling to fire the imagination, while recapturing the classic essence of the new mythology Kirby conceived.

In issue #1, a deadly new odyssey begins as Darkseid abandons his eternal quest for the Anti-Life Equation and goes after the greatest prize of all: The Source itself. His violation of this most sacred of energies threatens to destroy not only the gods of New Genesis but the entire DC Universe. It falls to Orion, son of Darkseid and warrior of New Genesis, to overcome his evil heritage and oppose his father's mad plan.

NEW GODS is written by Tom Peyer (LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, LEGIONNAIRES, R.E.B.E.L.S.) and Rachel Pollack (DOOM PATROL), with art by penciller Luke Ross (*Spider-Man 2099*, JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA) and inker Brian Garvey.

NEW GODS...the DC Universe's latest Source of excitement.

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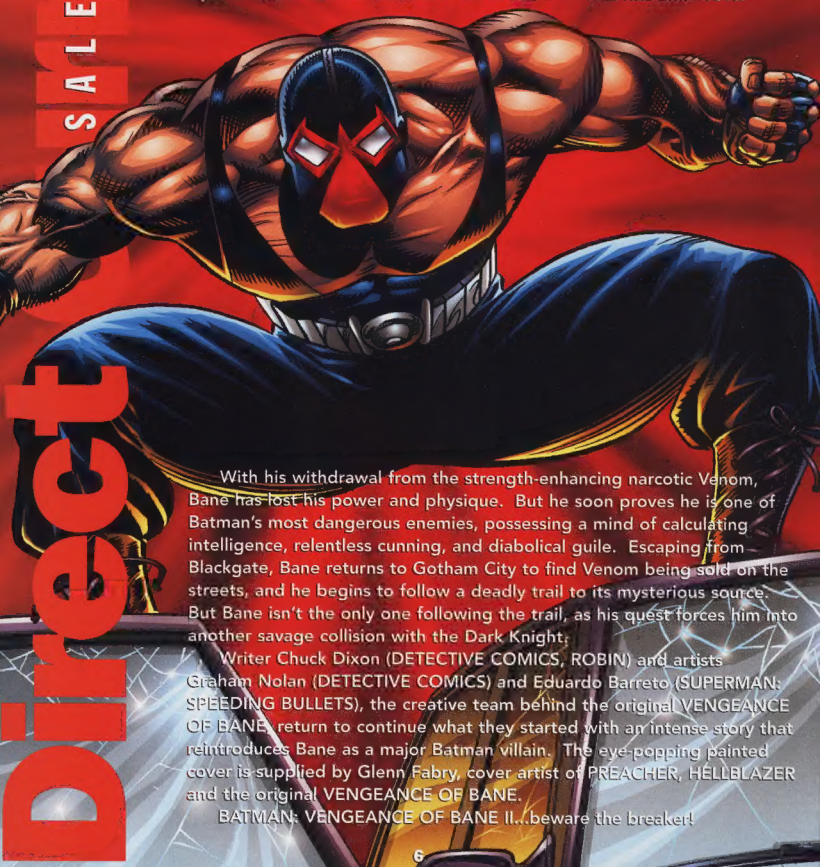
The Man Who Broke the Bat is Back!

Vengeance of Bane II

Since his crushing defeat in the now-classic BATMAN #500, Bane, the Venom-crazed villain who broke the Dark Knight, has been caged in Blackgate Prison. Now Bane is back, free from his insidious addiction and ready for another bone-crushing confrontation with Batman, armed with a mind and body both honed to a deadly razor's edge in the one-shot Special **BATMAN: VENGEANCE OF BANE II — THE REDEMPTION.**



With his withdrawal from the strength-enhancing narcotic Venom, Bane has lost his power and physique. But he soon proves he is one of Batman's most dangerous enemies, possessing a mind of calculating intelligence, relentless cunning, and diabolical guile. Escaping from Blackgate, Bane returns to Gotham City to find Venom being sold on the streets, and he begins to follow a deadly trail to its mysterious source. But Bane isn't the only one following the trail, as his quest forces him into another savage collision with the Dark Knight.

Writer Chuck Dixon (DETECTIVE COMICS, ROBIN) and artists Graham Nolan (DETECTIVE COMICS) and Eduardo Barreto (SUPERMAN: SPEEDING BULLETS), the creative team behind the original VENGEANCE OF BANE, return to continue what they started with an intense story that reintroduces Bane as a major Batman villain. The eye-popping painted cover is supplied by Glenn Fabry, cover artist of PREACHER, HELLBLAZER and the original VENGEANCE OF BANE.

BATMAN: VENGEANCE OF BANE II...beware the breaker!

Batman: Knightgallery

Cloaks of Darkness

The exciting new look of Warner Bros.' *Batman Forever* includes the latest costume designs for the big-screen Batman and Robin. As the movie continues in theatres worldwide, DC opens its vaults and releases never-before-revealed designs for the comic-book Batman and Robin in **BATMAN: KNIGHTGALLERY #1.**

This unique Gallery book of previously unpublished art is jam-packed with a diverse and often striking assortment of costumes and paraphernalia. These are top-secret designs that were considered before the current Batman and Robin costumes became official — some subtly different, some utterly wild. The KNIGHTGALLERY features the designs of artists Neal Adams, Jim Aparo, Jim Balent, Bret Blevins, Norm Breyfogle, Vince Giarrano, Tom Grummett, Tom Lyle, Mike Manley, Graham Nolan, and George Pérez. BATMAN: KNIGHTGALLERY is every fan's and aspiring comic book artist's dream...and a revealing look at what goes on "behind the scenes"!

In addition, the designs included in BATMAN: KNIGHTGALLERY are the source material for a sensational *Elseworlds* one-shot, BATMAN: BROTHERHOOD OF THE BAT, shipping in September.

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Following the riveting Eisner Award-nominated story arc "Sins of the Father," a new Mist rises to destroy Starman. Nash, the daughter of the original Mist, follows in her father's nefarious footsteps in "Sins of the Child," the new 5-part story arc beginning in **STARMAN #12**.

A decades-old conflict that has nearly wiped out two families enters a savage new phase as the Mist makes a vicious bid for vengeance upon Jack Knight. Starman faces a gauntlet of the Mist's fiendish cohorts, including a supercharged Dr. Phosphorus. Meanwhile, the Mist moves against Starman's allies Solomon Grundy, Michael the alien, and Ted Knight...Jack's father, the original Starman. STARMAN is written by James Robinson with art by Tony Harris and Wade von Grawbadger.

"Sins of the Child"...no one is innocent.

Sovereign Seven

RETAIL POSTER

As the exciting new ongoing series created by Chris Claremont and Dwayne Turner continues, Sovereign Seven charges into action in this fantastic poster of the DC Universe's newest super-team, featuring incredible art by Turner.

$4.95 U.S./$6.95 CAN SHIPS 8/22

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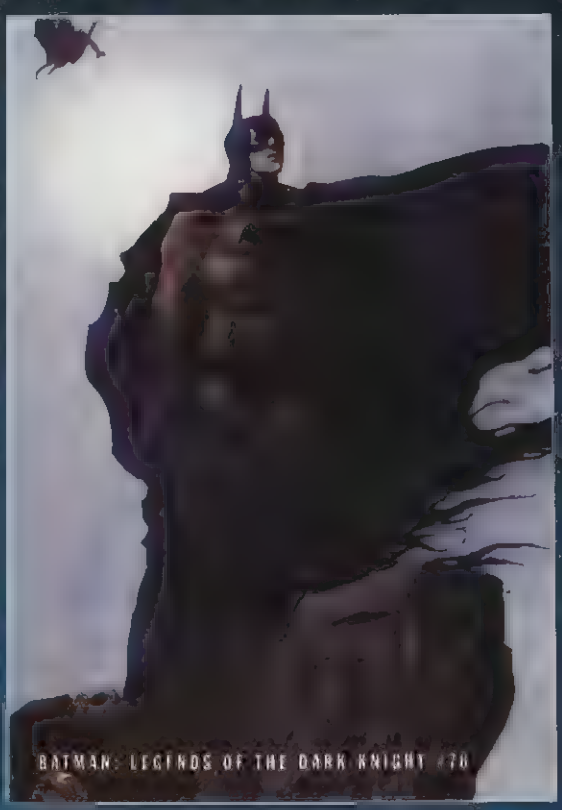
SUPERMAN/DOOMSDAY: HUNTER/PREY by writer/penciller Dan Jurgens and inker Brett Breeding is now available in one explosive trade paperback.

The Man of Steel's quest to stop Doomsday once and for all takes him to the nightmare world of Apokolips where, with the help of the time-surfing Waverider, Superman at last learns the shocking origin of his killer. At the same time, Superman must help Darkseid regain control of the planet from the awesome power of the returned Cyborg. This collection features an introduction by Jurgens, as well as never-before-seen early concept sketches of Doomsday.

Batman is way out of his element in "The Sleeping" a new 3-parter beginning in **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #76** by writer/artist Scott Hampton (BATMAN: NIGHT CRIES). While near death, Batman has an out-of-body experience, trapped in a nightmarish afterlife realm. To return to the living, the Dark Knight must battle savage mythic creatures and find his "soul twin" — the person who is his fundamental opposite. But when his strange journey shows him a glimpse of the life he might have lived without the mantle of the Bat, will the Dark Knight *want* to return...?



Alan Grant writes the 3-part crossover story "The Secret of the Universe" starting in **BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #43**. Batman must pursue three villains at once when Catwoman steals a sacred relic from Catman, while the Ratcatcher prepares to unleash a plague of mutant rats upon Gotham City. In September, the story continues in CATWOMAN #26, and concludes in BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #44. SHADOW OF THE BAT is illustrated by Barry Kitson and Ray McCarthy; CATWOMAN is drawn by Jim Balent and Bob Smith

In **CATWOMAN #25**, the Feline Fatale tries to outrace Robin and the Psyba-Rats in the deathtrap-laden mansion of the late, great C. Carstairs

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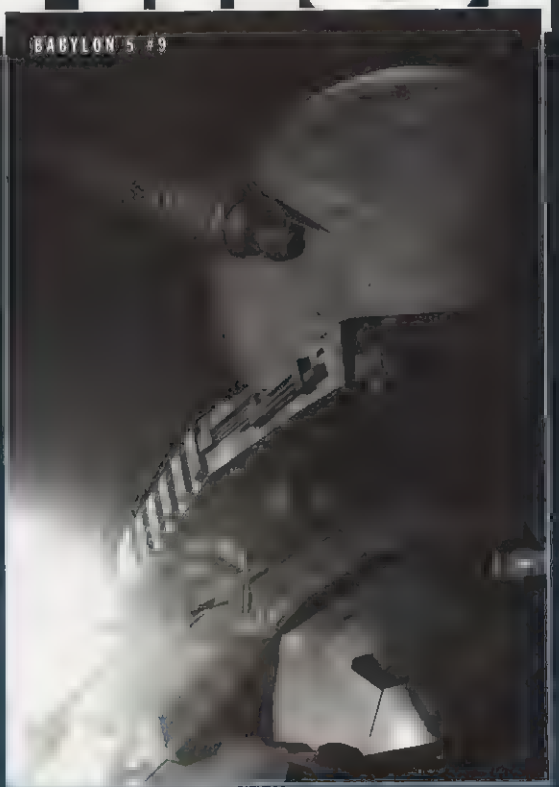

Biddle, a reclusive and eccentric multibillionaire. This extra-sized issue is by Chuck Dixon, Jim Balent and Bob Smith, with a backup story from Catwoman's case files by BATMAN Doug Moench, Balent and James Hodgkins.

The eye-popping art of Kent Williams graces the cover of **HAWKMAN #25** by William Messner-Loebs, Steve Lieber and Curt Shoultz. It's a fight to the finish between the Winged Warrior and the savage avatar Lionmane — a vicous killer who, in a past existence, murdered one of Hawkman's earlier incarnations.

A new 2-part story begins in **BABYLON 5 #9** by Nebula Award-nominee David Gerrold, (writer of both original *Star Trek* and *Babylon 5* TV episodes). Ambassador G'Kar is desperate to get off Babylon 5, and in his rush, he ends up kidnapping Garibaldi. Now Captain Sheridan must begin a frantic search to find them and stop a Narn assassination. Art for this storyline is by Rebecca Guay and Rick Bryant. **BABYLON 5 #9** also features a computer-generated cover, based on a sketch by Guay, by Foundation Imaging, the special effects group behind the *Babylon 5* television series.

Cross the scope of the DC Universe and beyond!

DC COMICS ONLINE

The following comics creators are scheduled to appear on DC COMICS ONLINE during August:

JOHN BYRNE
WRITER/ARTIST,
DARKSEID VS. GALACTUS: THE HUNGER, WONDER WOMAN
Week of August 8

DAN JURGENS
WRITER/ARTIST,
SUPERMAN/DOOMSDAY: HUNTER/PREY
TRADE PAPERBACK
August 10 at 9:00 PM EDT

TOM PEYER & RACHEL POLLACK
WRITERS,
NEW GODS
Week of August 16

These events are open to over two million *America Online* subscribers, although space is limited in each case to the first 2000 members who arrive online. After the live events, transcripts will be available on DC COMICS ONLINE, along with the regular array of news, previews, interviews, graphics, and message boards, available seven days a week.

Anyone with a computer and a modem interested in participating in DC COMICS ONLINE (through *America Online*) can call 1-800-203-2600 in the U.S. and Canada for a free starter kit that includes ten free hours online.

FOR EXACT DATES AND TIMES, CHECK DC COMICS ONLINE.

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AQUAMAN #13

W **DAVID** P **EGELAND** I **SHUM**
C **EGELAND/SHUM** E **DOOLEY**
F STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Aquaman battles Mera's other husband — Thanatos. Plus, the secret of the other-dimension Arthur Jr. is revealed.

ARGUS #6

W **WHEATLEY/A.GROSS**
A **Mc DONNELL**
C **HESTER/WALLACE** C **DIAZ**
F, STANDARD 6-ISSUE MINISERIES $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/1

With his restored eyes, Argus discovers new aspects of his powers during the final showdown with Data Highways.

AZRAEL #9

W **O'NEIL** P **KITSON** I **J.PASCOE**
C **KITSON/J.PASCOE**
E **GOODWIN**
F MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Having discovered his true origin, Jean Paul Valley abandons his humanity and surrenders to his bestial side

AZRAEL ANNUAL #1

W **O'NEIL** P **AMMERMAN/KITSON** I **PASCOE/MORAIS/BRANCH/LEIGH/EKLUND** C **KITSON**
E **GOODWIN**
F, 56 PP. MIRAWEB ■ $3.95 SHIPS 8/22

A Year One Annual. Jean Paul Valley's father, the previous Azrael, begins his relentless pursuit of the murderous Carlton LeHah.

BATMAN #523

W **MOENCH** P **K.JONES** I **J.BEATTY**
C **K.JONES/J.BEATTY** L **O'NEIL**
F MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Batman must stop a frightening new rampage by the Scarecrow.

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #36

W **TEMPLETON** P **PAROBECK**
I **BURCHETT**
C **PAROBECK/BURCHETT**
E **PETERSON**
F STANDARD ■ FINAL ISSUE ■ $1.75 SHIPS 8/1

Robin must convince Batman to stop working with Catwoman as his partner. *Next month, THE BATMAN ADVENTURES is retitled THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES, starting over with a new #1.*

BATMAN: KNIGHTGALLERY #1

A **VARIOUS** C **VARIOUS**
E **PETERSON**
F MIRAWEB ONE-SHOT ■ $3.50 SHIPS 8/8

DC releases never-before-revealed designs for Batman and Robin considered before their current costumes. Contributing artists include Neal Adams, Jim Aparo, Jim Balent, Bret Blevins, Norm Breyfogle, Vince Giarrano, Tom Grummett, Tom Lyle, Graham Nolan, and George Perez.

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #76

W/A **S.HAMPTON** C **S.HAMPTON**
E **GOODWIN**
F MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/22

Part 1 of "The Sleeping." Lying near death, Batman has an out-of-body experience, forced to face savage mythic creatures and old ghosts. Painted cover: Scott Hampton.

BATMAN: MAN-BAT #1

W **DELANO** A **BOLTON** C **BOLTON**
E **BERGER**
F 48 PP. PRESTIGE 3-ISSUE MINISERIES ■ $4.95 ■ SHIPS 8/22

In this *Elseworlds* miniseries, Batman must stop Kirk Langstrom, the Man-Bat, from fulfilling his demented dreams of genocide and a world populated by a new race of man-bats. Painted art and cover: John Bolton. ***BATMAN: MAN-BAT is suggested for mature readers.***

THE BATMAN CHRONICLES #2

W **A.GRANT/MOENCH/DIXON**
P **SHARP/ABELL/DAMAGGIO**
C **SHARP**
E **GORFINKEL/VINCENZO**
F 48 PP. MIRAWEB ■ $2 95 SHIPS 8/29

Continued from BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #42: Robin must battle the remorseless Feedback, a crazed killer who is about to kill his last hostage. Plus, Commissioner Sarah Gordon faces a crisis at police headquarters, and Harold, the Batcave's mechanic, at last shows his mettle

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #43

W **A.GRANT** P **KITSON**
I **R.McCARTHY** C **STELFREEZE**
E **O'NEIL**
F MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Part 1 of "The Secret of the Universe": Batman must pursue three villains at once: Catwoman, Catman and the Ratcatcher. Continued in CATWOMAN #26.

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT ANNUAL #3

W **A.GRANT** P **APTHORP** I **WOCH**
C **STELFREEZE** E **O'NEIL**
F 56 PP. MIRAWEB ■ $3.95 SHIPS 8/15

A Year One Annual. It's the Dark Knight's first encounter with the deadly and deranged botanical genius Poison Ivy.

BATMAN: VENGEANCE OF BANE II — THE REDEMPTION

W **DIXON** P **NOLAN** I **BARRETO**
C **FABRY** E **PETERSON**
F 64 PP. MIRAWEB ONE SHOT $3.95 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Bane is back! The Venom-crazed villain who broke the Dark Knight is free and ready for another bone-crushing confrontation with Batman. Painted cover: Glenn Fabry.

BLACK LIGHTNING #9

W **DeVRIES** P **HUDDLESTON**
I **FREDERICKS/S.CARIELLO**
C **E.KEWELL** L **GARRAHY**
F MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Tobias Whale has created the perfect assassin for Black Lightning: the cyborg killer known as Demolition.

CATWOMAN #25

W **DIXON/MOENCH**
P **BALENT/STELFREEZE**
I **BOB SMITH/GIORDANO/HODGKINS** C **BALENT** E **O'NEIL**
F 48 PP. MIRAWEB ■ $2.95 SHIPS 8/1

In this extra-sized 25th issue, Catwoman tries to outrace Robin and the Psyba-Rats in a deathtrap-laden mansion. Plus, a backup story from Catwoman's case files

DAMAGE #17

W **JOYNER** P **MARIMON**
I **HILLSMAN**
C **MARIMON/HILLSMAN**
E **SPIVEY**
F MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Damage battles the mercenary Bounty, whose orders are to bring Damage to industrialist Philip Darrow — dead or alive.

DARKSEID VS. GALACTUS: THE HUNGER

W/A **BYRNE** C **BYRNE** E **SIMPSON**
F 48 PP. PRESTIGE ONE-SHOT $4.95 ■ SHIPS 8/8

DC and Marvel team up for a star-spanning tale. Darkseid battles the world-devouring Galactus for the planet Apokolips,. The Silver Surfer, Orion, and the New Gods are featured in a struggle to shake the cosmos. Written and illustrated by John Byrne.

THE DARKSTARS #35

W **FRIEDMAN** P **MIKE COLLINS**
I **BRANCH** C **MIKE COLLINS/BRANCH** L **KUPPENBERG**
F MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/8

The Flash guest-stars when Donna Troy investigates the disappearance of a mercenary expedition in Antarctica.

DEATHSTROKE #52

W **WOLFMAN** P **BATISTA**
I **BLYBERG** C **S.CARIELLO**
L **GARRANT**
F MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Hawkman guest-stars in Part 2 of "No Fate or Future": Deathstroke teams up with the Winged Warrior to hunt down Ebrax — a three-thousand-year-old serial killer. Guest-penciller: Chris Batista (STEEL).

DETECTIVE COMICS #690

W **DIXON** P **S.JOHNSON**
I **RUBINSTEIN** C **D.TAYLOR**
E **PETERSON**
F MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/22

Batman and Robin struggle to contain a life-threatening blaze when Firefly's "hot" date becomes an inferno.

EXTREME JUSTICE #9

W **VELEZ,JR.** P **RIO** I **BRANCH**
C **PORTER** E **DIAZ**
F STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/8

The Justice League tries to stop Zan and Jayna — marooned, morphing alien twins — from destroying a town. New regular writer: Ivan Velez, Jr.

KEY:

W **WRITER**

P **PENCILLER**

I **INKER**

A **ARTIST (PENCILLER & INKER, PAINTER**

C **COVER ARTIST**

E **EDITOR**

F **FORMAT**

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL SERIES ARE 32 PAGES AND ONGOING.

BATMAN: MAN-BAT AND XOMBI ARE SUGGESTED FOR MATURE READERS.

FATE #12

W KAMINSKI P A.WILLIAMS
I LANNING
C A.WILLIAMS/LANNING
E THORNSLAND
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/22

Sentinel guest-stars when powerful forces converge on the ruins of the Salern tower that was once the sanctum of Doctor Fate.

FLASH #106

W WAID P O.JIMENEZ
I MARZAN,JR.
C O.JIMENEZ/MARZAN,JR.
E AUGUSTYN
P STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Frances Kane, the New Titan known as Magenta, returns to share all the pain and suffering she has endured with her ex-love, the Flash

GREEN ARROW #101

W DIXON P DAMAGGIO
I CAMPANELLA C DAMAGGIO
E VINCENZO
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Superman and Black Canary guest-star: Heroes throughout the DC Universe try to make sense of the tragedy over Metropolis, while a new era begins for Connor Hawke. New regular art team: Rodolfo Damaggio and Robert Campanella (OUTSIDERS).

GREEN LANTERN #67

W MARZ P PELLETIER
I TANGHAL
C PELLETIER/TANGHAL
E DOOLEY
P STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/15

The Flash guest-stars as the new Sonar declares himself king of New York. Guest penciller: Paul Pelletier (OUTSIDERS).

GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #4

W MARZ/FERRERA
P J.PHILLIPS/GRINDBERG
I LOWE/W. ANDERSON/VINES
C J.PHILLIPS/VINES
E DOOLEY
P 56 PP. STANDARD ■ $3.50 SHIPS 8/1

A Year One Annual. Hal Jordan and Kyle Rayner are caught simultaneously in a strange power-battery vortex that swaps their lives. Plus, pinups of Green Lantern Kyle Rayner by comics legends Gil Kane and Neal Adams.

GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #35

W P.JIMENEZ P CHIN I STOKES
E P.JIMENEZ E BERGANZA
P STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Warrior tries to liberate a number of former Green Lanterns held captive, in an interstellar prison camp by a mysterious figure from Guy's past. Plus, something weird is going on with Arisia. Guest writer: Phil Jimenez.

HAWKMAN #25

W MESSNER-LOEBS P LIEBER
I SHOULTZ C WILLIAMS
E SPIVEY
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/15

It's a fight to the finish between Hawkman and the savage avatar Lionmane — a vicious killer who murdered one of Hawkman's earlier incarnations. Painted cover: Kent Williams

HAWKMAN ANNUAL #2

W MESSNER-LOEBS
P R.WAGNER/GUICE
I R.WAGNER/BOYD
C C.WARNER E SPIVEY
P 56 PP. MANDO ■ $3.95 SHIPS 8/8

A Year One Annual. An undying menace challenges the Hawk champions of three different times: Khufu Kha-tarr of ancient Egypt; Carter Hall of the Golden Age; and Katar Hol, the current Hawkman. Features a special pinup gallery.

IMPULSE #7

W PASKO P GNAZZO
I STEGBAUER
C H. RAMOS/FAUCHER
E AUGUSTYN
P STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/22

When his speed fails him, Impulse must find a way to use slowness to defeat Gridlock, a villain who can bring Manchester to a standstill. Guest creative team: Martin Pasko, Nick Gnazzo and Mark Stegbauer.

JUDGE DREDD #15

W CHICHESTER P GULA
I SELOGY C BRIAN MURRAY
E KUPPERBERG
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Part 3 of "Block Wars": It's every block for itself as Buck Scam's latest quick-buck scheme ignites a deadly war across Mega-City One.

JUDGE DREDD: LEGENDS OF THE LAW #11

W Mc GREAL P DOBBYN
C BYRNE E KUPPERBERG
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/22

Part 1 of "Dredd of Night": When citizens of Mega-City One turn up dead, Judge Dredd goes on the hunt for the savage perp responsible and finds a bizarre creature of the night as an unexpected ally. Cover artist: John Byrne.

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #104

W Q.JONES P KOLINS
I HOLDRIDGE C WOJTKIEWICZ
E AUGUSTYN
P STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/15

While battling for his life and that of Crimson Fox, Metamorpho shocks everyone with the toughest decision of his life

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #28

W PRIEST P BERNADO
I WALLACE
C BERNADO/WALLACE E DIAZ
P STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/22

Triumph defies Martian Manhunter one time too many, sparking a bitter brawl, and Death Masque and Vandal Savage vie for first crack at the loser.

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #73

W PEYER/MCCRAW P MODER
I BOYD C A.DAVIS/FARMER
E CARLSON
P MANDO ■ $2 25 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Part 1 of "Sibling Rivalry": Live Wire discovers dark secrets about his powers and his missing brother. Meanwhile, mysterious sightings of a long-missing hero cause concern for the Legionnaires. Continued in LEGIONNAIRES #30

LEGIONNAIRES #30

W PEYER/McCRAW P MOY
I CARANI C MOY/CARANI
E CARLSON
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/29

Part 2 of "Sibling Rivalry": Legionnaire twins Live Wire and Spark battle their mad older brother leaving one of the siblings critically injured. Plus, Brainiac 5 returns with a secret, leading to a major crossover with SUPERBOY next month.

LOBO #20

W A.GRANT P P.JIMENEZ
I STOKES
C P.JIMENEZ/STOKES
E RASPLER
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/1

"Toilet humor" gets a whole new meaning when the Main Man and Jonas ambush the Joe Pesni mob in a men's room. The frag really hits the fan in this tale of flying porcelain, exploding plumbing...and very weak bladders. Guest art team: Phil Jimenez and John Stokes.

MANHUNTER #13

W S.GRANT P GIARRANO
I J.PALMIOTTI C GIARRANO
E THORNSLAND
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Shocked by his own ferocity, Chase Lawler considers relinquishing the Manhunter's power...but the cost to humanity may be too high.

THE NEW GODS #1

W PEYER/POLLACK P L.ROSS
I GARVEY C L.ROSS
E SIMPSON
P MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Darkseid embarks on a scheme to corrupt the fundamental power of the universe: The Source. It falls to Orion, son of Darkseid and warrior of New Genesis, to overcome his evil heritage and oppose his father's mad plan.

THE NEW TITANS #126

W HREBIK A MAYS C ROSADO
E GARRAHY
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/15

"Meltdown" begins: The Titans play war games while Arsenal pays his daughter a visit; Mirage's powers begin to manifest themselves in ways she never expected; and Changeling breaks out of cryogenic prison! Guest creative team: Dale Hrebik and Rik Mays.

NIGHTWING #2

W O'NEIL P LAND I SELLERS
C STELFREEZE E GARRAHY
P MANDO 4-ISSUE MINISERIES $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/22

Nightwing dons a new costume as the mystery of his parents' death pulls Dick Grayson back into action.

OUTSIDERS #23

W M.BARR P C.JONES I HUNT
C C.JONES/HUNT E DOOLEY
P MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/22

An alien assassin returns for Technocrat — but what she really wants is the weapon on his arm to save her planet.

ON SALE IN AUGUST

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P PENCILLER

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A ARTIST PENCILLER & INKER, PAINTER

C COVER ARTIST

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THE POWER OF SHAZAM! #8

W: ORDWAY P: KRAUSE/SWAN I: MANLEY C: ORDWAY E: CARLIN

F: STANDARD ■ $1.75 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Freddy Freeman makes his debut as Captain Marvel, Jr. in an adventure recalling the legendary battle of Bulletman vs. Captain Nazi. Painted cover: Jerry Ordway.

PRIMAL FORCE #12

W: SEAGLE P: CHOLES L: KAALBERG C: CHOLES/HILLSMAN E: SPIVEY

F: MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Black Condor must stop the evil order of the August from offering the lives of the Primal Force heroes as ritual sacrifices.

THE RAY #17

W: PRIEST P: ARMSTRONG I: PARKS C: PORTER A: AUGUSTYN

F: MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/29

Happy Terrill, the original Ray, is dead, and the Ray now has no way to locate the brother he never knew. Elsewhere, as an untended cryogenic chamber malfunctions, Joshua Terrill begins to thaw. New regular art team: Jason Armstrong and Ande Parks.

R.E.B.E.L.S. '95 #12

W: PEYER A: DUTKIEWICZ C: AUCOIN/PROPST E: RASPLER

F: MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Lyrl Dox hires the infamous assassin Iceman to track down the R.E.B.E.L.S. and destroy them once and for all. Cold and relentless, the Iceman is the ultimate killer...but nothing can prepare him for the horrors aboard the rebels' ship!

ROBIN #21

W: DIXON P: WIERINGO I: WOCH C: GRUMMETT/KRYSSING E: O'NEIL

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Part 1 of "Ninja Camp": Robin's investigation of a classmate's death leads him to uncover a secret training camp for Ninjas.

SHADOWDRAGON ANNUAL #1

W: MICHELINIE/BREEDING P: GIORDANO I: BREEDING C: BREEDING/JANSON E: CARLIN

F: 56 PP. STANDARD ■ $3.50 SHIPS 8/29

A Year One Annual. The origin of one of Superman's newest and most mysterious supporting characters is revealed, telling how the prince of Bhutran was forced to create the persona of Shadowdragon to save his homeland from devastation.

SHOWCASE '95 #9

W: GOFF/A.GRANT/TOMASI P: VELUTTO/W.McDANIEL/BARRETO I: GIORDANO/LEIGH/BARRETO C: GOSIER E: PITTARESE/TOMASI/HERNANDEZ-ROSENBLATT

F: 48 PP. STANDARD 12-ISSUE MINISERIES ■ $2.95 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Investigative reporter Lois Lane embarks upon a dangerous solo adventure infiltrating a bizarre cult; Lobo goes from Main Man to Best Man when Jonas gets married; and Martian Manhunter tries to help the last survivor of the *Titanic* achieve his lifelong dream. Cover by Phil Gosier.

THE SPECTRE #34

W: OSTRANDER A: RIDGWAY C: D.JOHNSON E: RASPLER

F: MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/8

The Spectre faces the most powerful people in Hollywood — bloodsucking vampires! Now he must determine if vampires have a right to exist as higher lifeforms, or are mere monsters to be destroyed by the spirit of vengeance. Guest artist: John Ridgway. Painted cover: Dave Johnson.

SOVEREIGN SEVEN #4

W: CLAREMONT P: TURNER I: IVY C: TURNER E: SIMPSON

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/15

The Seven battle a terrifying serial killer known as Skin Dance, whose victims become charged with a demonic rage and savage strength, powers that inevitably consume the host bodies. And Skin Dance's next intended victim is one of the team's newfound friends!

STARMAN #12

W: J.ROBINSON P: T.HARRIS I: VON GRAWBADGER C: T.HARRIS E: GOODWIN

F: MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Part 1 of "Sins of the Child": Nash makes her debut as the new Mist in an explosive encounter with Starman. Unarmed, Jack Knight must run a gauntlet of the Mist's fiendish allies to reach his Star Staff. Painted cover: Tony Harris.

STEEL #20

W: DIAZ P: FLORES I: ALBRECHT C: FLORES/ALBRECHT E: PITTARESE

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/22

A new crimelord has been abducting citizens of Washington, and he sends his zombie hordes against Steel to hide his gruesome secret. Guest creative team: Ruben Diaz, Roberto Flores and Jeff Albrecht.

SUPERBOY #20

W: K.KESEL P: BANKS/ST.PIERRE I: HAZLEWOOD/BEDNAR C: GRUMMETT/K.KESEL E: PITTARESE

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Superboy teams up with Green Lantern when Scavenger returns to lay claim to the Silicon Dragons' abandoned technology.

ACTION COMICS #714

W: MICHELINIE P: DWYER I: RODIER C: DWYER/RODIER E: CARLIN/CARLSON

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/1

The Joker returns to Metropolis when a sleazy manufacturer creates a toy line based upon the Clown Prince of Crime.

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #40

W: L.SIMONSON P: PELLETIER I: AUSTIN C: BOGDANOVE/JANKE E: CARLIN/CARLSON

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Superman discovers a mysterious plot to kidnap the children of Metropolis when Perry White's adopted son Keith encounters the deadly Skyhook. Guest-artists: Paul Pelletier (OUTSIDERS) and Terry Austin.

SUPERMAN #105

W: JURGENS P: GARCÍA-LÓPEZ I: RUBINSTEIN C: JURGENS/RUBINSTEIN E: CARLIN/CARLSON

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Green Lantern guest-stars when he and Superman must battle alien marauders who have come to Earth seeking other Green Lanterns.

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #525

W: K.KESEL P: IMMONEN I: MARZAN,JR. C: IMMONEN/MARZAN,JR. E: CARLIN/CARLSON

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/22

Superman encounters a strange alien in an unusual story told from the extraterrestrial's point of view, leading to "The Trial of Superman," beginning next month in SUPERMAN THE MAN OF STEEL #50.

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF TOMORROW #2

W: STERN P: GRUMMETT I: BREEDING C: GRUMMETT/BREEDING E: CARLIN/CARLSON

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/29

Lex Luthor steps up his campaign against the Man of Steel by enlisting some high-powered help: the new, more powerful Parasite.

SUPERMAN/DOOMSDAY: HUNTER/PREY TRADE PAPERBACK

W: P: JURGENS I: BREEDING C: JURGENS/BREEDING E: CARLIN/KAHAN

F: 160 PP. TRADE PAPERBACK $14.95 ■ SHIPS 8/8

The exciting miniseries is now available in one volume! Superman travels to Apokolips and learns the shocking origin of Doomsday with the help of Waverider. At the same time, the Man of Steel must battle alongside the evil Darkseid against the Cyborg.

WONDER WOMAN #102

W: A: BYRNE C: BYRNE E: KUPPERBERG

F: MIRAWEB ■ $1.95 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Wonder Woman and her Gateway City police friend take an unplanned journey to Apokolips, where startling revelations force Diana to return to Themyscira to save the Amazons from the wrath of Darkseid.

MAD MAGAZINE #339

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY THE USUAL GANG OF IDIOTS.

P/I 48 PP. B & W MAGAZINE
$1.99 U.S./2.50 CAN ■ SHIPS 8/1

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MAD SUPER SPECIAL #107

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY THE USUAL GANG OF IDIOTS.

P 96 PP. B & W MAGAZINE
$3.99 U.S./$4.95 CAN ■ SHIPS 8/1

The latest MAD SUPER SPECIAL is also BIG BAD MAD #1 and includes the first installment of "MAD: The Lost Pages." This 25-page section features material from out-of-print MAD paperbacks that hasn't been seen in years, redesigned for the SUPER SPECIAL.

BABYLON 5 #9

W **GERROLD** P **QUAY BRYANT**
C **COMPUTER-GENERATED COVER BY FOUNDATION IMAGING** E **HITCHCOCK**

P FRACOTE ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Part 1 of "Laser-Mirror-Starweb": Desperate to get off Babylon 5, Ambassador G'Kar ends up kidnapping Garibaldi in the rush. Now Sheridan must begin a frantic search to find the two before tragedy strikes. Written by Nebula Award-winner David Gerrold (writer of both original *Star Trek* and *Babylon 5* TV episodes). Computer-generated cover by Foundation Imaging, the special effects group behind the *Babylon 5* TV series, based on a sketch by penciller Rebecca Guay.

STAR TREK™ #76

W **RYAN** P **KETCHUM** I **HEIKE**
C **PALMER** E **CLARK**

P FRACOTE ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Kirk, Spock and Commander Gary Mitchell visit a world where any infraction of the law is punishable by imprisonment. New regular writer: Kevin Ryan (Pocket Books' *Star Trek* novels editor).

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #76

W **FRIEDMAN** P **SAVE**
I **HENDRIX**
C **PURCELL/PALLOT** E **CLARK**

P FRACOTE ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/29

Someone is killing all the engineers who have served aboard the *Starship Enterprise*™, leaving only one — Geordi LaForge. Guest artist: Ken Save.

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION™ SPECIAL #3

W **DEMERITT/RYAN**
P/I **VILLAGRAN/SAVE**
I **VILLAGRAN/HENDRIX**
C **MILLIOS** E **CLARK**

P 64 PP. FRACOTE ■ $3.95
SHIPS 8/22

Terrorists board the *U.S.S. Enterprise*™, determined to stop Picard from arbitrating a trade war between two alien races. Based upon an unused outline for *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Plus, Captain Montgomery Scott is threatened by one of his old enemies, Klingon Captain Koloth, whose ship Scotty once infested with tribbles. Painted cover: Sonia Hillios.

BLOOD SYNDICATE #31

W **CHICHESTER** P **MAK**
I **QUIJANO** C **ROSADO**
E **Mc DUFFIE**

P FRACOTE ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/15

In the aftermath of "The Long, Hot Summer," the Blood Syndicate tangles with its greatest threat yet.

HARDWARE #32

W **Mc DUFFIE** P **COWAN**
I **ROLLINS** C **BRIGHT**
E **M.WAYNE**

P FRACOTE ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Hardware seizes control of Alva Industries. But Alva's relatives are already lining up to stop Curtis Metcalf...by any means necessary.

ICON #30

W **Mc DUFFIE** P **BRIGHT**
I **GUSTOVICH** C **BRIGHT**
E **M.WAYNE**

P FRACOTE ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/8

In order to step up his defense of the Earth's "criminal activities," Icon prepares to leave Earth — this time for good. But who is his mysterious stowaway?

SHADOW CABINET #17

W **M.WAYNE** P **LEON** I **STANISCI**
C **LEON** E **Mc DUFFIE**

P FRACOTE ■ FINAL ISSUE ■ $2.50
SHIPS 8/15

In the shocking series finale, the Shadow Cabinet is forced to fight, flee or die when Dharma assumes command of S.Y.S.T.E.M., becoming Milestone's most diabolical villain yet!

STATIC #28

W **VELEZ,JR.** P **WILFRED**
I **STANISCI** C **MOORE**
E **Mc DUFFIE**

P FRACOTE ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/22

When Static and Dusk help the police capture drug lords, Static is shocked to discover that one of his closest friends is among them. And Static's decision will affect the rest of his life.

XOMBI #17

W **ROZUM** A **BIRCH** C **BIRCH**
E **M.WAYNE**

P FRACOTE ■ 99¢ ■ SHIPS 8/8

This issue of XOMBI is priced specially at 99¢, part of MILESTONE's Reader's Choice program: David Kim learns how to deal with his life as Xombi when he and Rabbi Sinnowitz travel to a bizarre underground circus.

XOMBI is suggested for mature readers.

ANIMANIACS #6

W **VARIOUS** A **VARIOUS** E **MAIN**

P STANDARD ■ $1.50 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Vacationing in ancient Egypt, the Warners mistake Cleopatra's palace for a desert resort and show the Queen and Caesar a thing or two about guest relations.

LOONEY TUNES #15

W **VARIOUS** A **VARIOUS** E **MAIN**

P STANDARD ■ $1.50 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Elmer Fudd is Emperor Newo and Bugs Bunny is the unfortunate gladiator sent to the Colosseum to defend his life in this zany retelling of *Ben Hur*.

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DC's PARADOX PRESS continues to expand the boundaries of graphic storytelling, providing challenging and provocative comics for mature readers. No project exemplifies that commitment more than **STUCK RUBBER BABY**.

STUCK RUBBER BABY is a remarkable tale about a young man's coming of age during the 1960s Civil Rights movement. Set in the South, this hardcover 224-page graphic novel is the story of Toland Polk, a young man learning to fight for the rights of others even as he struggles with the conflicts of his awakening sexual identity.

Written and meticulously illustrated by Howard Cruse (creator of *Wendel* and *Barefootz* and founder of *Gay Comix*), set against the backdrop of one of the nation's most volatile periods, STUCK RUBBER BABY captures an era of passionate beliefs and violent emotions with unflinching honesty and clarity.

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Stuck Rubber Baby

According to Cruse, "The story treats the issues of homophobia and racism, while also depicting the gay lifestyle and subculture of that period. STUCK RUBBER BABY breaks new ground for me, artistically and thematically. I don't think there's another book anywhere like it."

Critical acclaim for this project is already plentiful. Will Eisner, sequential art legend and creator of *The Spirit*, said, "I congratulate PARADOX PRESS on its publication of this work. I read it with great interest and appreciation for Howard Cruse's artistry and insightfulness."

Scott McCloud, acclaimed writer/artist of *Understanding Comics*, added, "STUCK RUBBER BABY is a remarkable achievement. A story so richly drawn — in both senses of the word — that it will pull you, headlong, into a bottomless world of hopes, fears, dreams, and the all-too-real prejudice witnessed by its author. It may be fiction, but every frame of Howard Cruse's epic graphic novel rings unforgettably true. Highly recommended."

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Teenage romance will never be viewed the same after MILLENNIUM FEVER, a 4-issue VERTIGO miniseries that looks at the future of humanity and the planet... through the eyes of young love.

Jerome is sick of his life and weary of his virginity. In desperation he answers a personals ad and soon finds his entire life turned upside down. Maiya is the girl of his dreams: She's beautiful, and like Jerome, she's biracial. But Maiya is reluctant to reveal anything about her past. Soon strange people and events encroach upon Jerome's already-confused world in this lighthearted, amusing story by writer Nick Abadzis *(Hugo Tate)* and artist Duncan Fegredo (FACE, ENIGMA).

MILLENNIUM FEVER...a hopelessly romantic comedy — VERTIGO style!

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The scope of VERTIGO's enormously popular Gallery books broadens to encompass the entire line in the VERTIGO GALLERY: DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES. With a labyrinthine cover by Dave McKean, the VERTIGO GALLERY features beautiful pinup art representing VERTIGO titles past, present, and future. Among the contributing artists: Rick Berry for THE SANDMAN and the upcoming MYTHOS;

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"Sheman"

Mark Chiarello for HELLBLAZER; Geof Darrow on SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN; Duncan Fegredo for ENIGMA and MILLENNIUM FEVER; John Van Fleet for SHADOWS FALL; Dean Motter for the upcoming TERMINAL CITY; Jon J Muth for MOONSHADOW; Bill Sienkiewicz for ANIMAL MAN; Alex Toth for SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE; John Totleben for SWAMP THING; Sherilyn Van Valkenburgh for THE BOOKS OF MAGIC; Charles Vess for the upcoming NEIL GAIMAN'S AND CHARLES VESS'S STARDUST; Matt Wagner for THE PHANTOM STRANGER; Chris Weston for THE INVISIBLES, and many others.

The core Invisibles team returns as the mystical secrets of Lord Fanny's origin and bizarre heritage are revealed in "Sheman," the new 3-part story by writer Grant Morrison beginning in **THE INVISIBLES #13**.

Fanny's strange past collides with her deadly present as a murderous secret agent tracks her through London, culminating in a violent confrontation with King Mob's Invisibles cell. It's an encounter that critically wounds one member of the team and alters the balance of power within the grand conspiracy forever. "Sheman" is illustrated by Jill Thompson, artist of THE SANDMAN: BRIEF LIVES.

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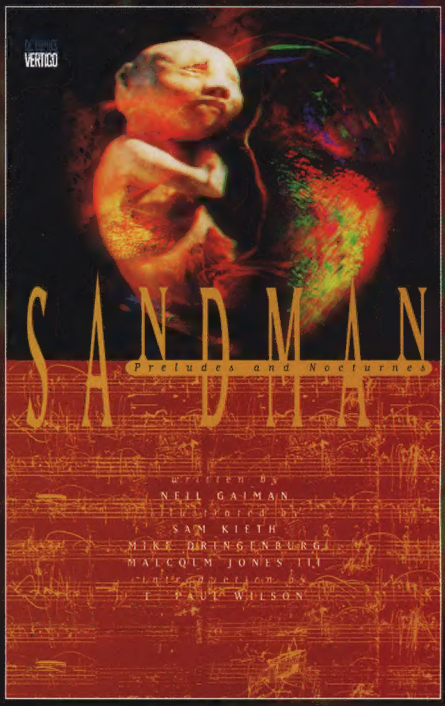
The Sandman: Preludes & Nocturnes

HARDCOVER

DC is proud to offer an exquisite one-time-only hardcover edition of VERTIGO's **THE SANDMAN: PRELUDES & NOCTURNES**, collecting the first eight issues of the critically acclaimed and award-winning series by writer Neil Gaiman.

Featuring a new cover and dust jacket design by THE SANDMAN cover artist Dave McKean and a new introduction by VERTIGO Executive Editor Karen Berger, the hardcover PRELUDES & NOCTURNES reprints the unforgettable art of Sam Kieth, Mike Dringenberg and Malcolm Jones, III. These are the stories that first introduced Morpheus the Dream King, with a guest appearance by John Constantine and the first appearance of Death, the Sandman's sister.

Be advised that THE SANDMAN skips shipping during the month of August but resumes publication in September with issue #72, Part 3 of "The Wake."



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HUNTER'S HEART #3

W [A] **DuBURKE** [C] **DuBURKE** [E] **ROSE**

[F] 96 PP. PARADOX COMPACT
$5.95 ■ SHIPS 8/22

It's a flurry of action and death when Lieutenant Slidell and the "Longneck Slasher" track Pete Lindstrom to New York with intentions of cold-blooded murder.

STUCK RUBBER BABY

W [A] **CRUSE** [C] **CRUSE** [E] **TAGGART**

[F] 224 PP. B & W HARDCOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL ■ $24.95
SHIPS 8/22

Written and painstakingly illustrated by Howard Cruse *(Wendel, Barefootz, Gay Comix)* and set against the backdrop of one of the nation's most volatile periods, STUCK RUBBER BABY is the story of Toland Polk and his fight for the rights of others even as he struggles with the conflicts of his awakening sexual identity. ***STUCK RUBBER BABY contains mature themes and strong subject matter.***

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ANIMAL MAN #88

W **PROSSER** [P] **HARPER**
[I] **TEMUJIN** [C] **BERRY** [E] **STATHIS**

[F] MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/29

Suspecting that Maxine has been possessed by a sinister force, Animal Man searches for his daughter's kidnapped soul and encounters a strange yet familiar consciousness — the fetus in Annie's womb.

THE BOOKS OF MAGIC #17

W **RIEBER** [A] **SNEJBJERG**
[C] **SPALENKA** [E] **ROTTENBERG**

[F] REBAX ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/1

"Playgrounds" continues: Tim, Tanger and Happy the Golem must navigate hell's playground to rescue Molly...and discover in the process that demons never play fair.

CHIAROSCURO: THE PRIVATE LIVES OF LEONARDO DA VINCI #4

W **RAWSON/MCGREAL** [P] **TRUOG**
[I] **KAYANAN**
[C] **S.J. PHILLIPS/BRUNING**
[E] **KWITNEY**

[F] REBAX 10-ISSUE MINISERIES
$2.95 ■ SHIPS 8/15

As the battle rages for the city of Milan and Leonardo's greatest masterpiece is destroyed, Salai sees his chance to gain the upper hand with his former master.
CHIAROSCURO contains sexual themes and strong subject matter.

EGYPT #3

W **MILLIGAN** [P] **CORONA**
[I] **GASCOINE** [C] **G.DILLON**
[E] **YOUNG**

[F] REBAX 7-ISSUE MINISERIES
$2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/22

In present-day New York, Vincent haunts those responsible for his predicament, while an explosive death awaits him back in Egypt.

GODDESS #5

W **ENNIS** [A] **WINSLADE**
[C] **WINSLADE** [E] **GOODWIN**

[F] MIRAWEB 8-ISSUE MINISERIES
$2.95 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Rosie and crew land safely at the North Pole, but even the Arctic offers no haven from the relentless agent Hooks and his armed-to-the-teeth U.S. Marines.

HELLBLAZER #94

W **JENKINS** [P] **McEOWN**
[I] **S.PHILLIPS** [C] **S.PHILLIPS**
[E] **STATHIS**

[F] MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/15

Part 3 of "Critical Mass": An old acquaintance invades Constantine's dreams and offers a clue to solving his hellish predicament. But there is a price...and it may be more than Constantine can afford.

THE INVISIBLES #13

W **MORRISON** [A] **THOMPSON**
[C] **S.PHILLIPS** [E] **S.MOORE**

[F] REBAX ■ $2.50 ■ SHIPS 8/1

Part 1 of "Sheman," illustrated by Jill Thompson (THE SANDMAN: BRIEF LIVES): The mystical secrets of Lord Fanny's origin and heritage are revealed. Plus, King Mob and the team begin to search for the missing Jack Frost.

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Teenager Jerome answers a personals ad and finds his entire life turned upside-down. Maiya is the girl of his dreams, but she's reluctant to reveal anything about her past. Soon strange people and events encroach upon the teenagers' world in this VERTIGO romantic comedy.

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[E] **S. MOORE**

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Part 3 of "Naked City": Covers are blown as Jesse, Cassidy and Tulip discover that Si's not the good buddy Cassidy thought he was, nor is supercop Detective Bridges the macho man he's been pretending to be.

THE SANDMAN: PRELUDES & NOCTURNES HARDCOVER

W **GAIMAN**
[P] **KIETH/DRINGENBERG**
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SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #31

W **M.WAGNER/SEAGLE**
[A] **G.DAVIS** [C] **WILSON/BRUNING**
[E] **BERGER**

[F] MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/8

Part 3 of "The Hourman": A mysterious assassin from the past arrives with a scheme involving decapitation, while Wesley Dodds and Rex Tyler get ready for a masquerade ball as the Sandman and the Hourman — in their original Golden Age costumes.

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #64

W **MILLIGAN** [P] **TOLAGSON**
[I] **KAYANAN** [C] **McKEEVER**
[E] **ROEBERG**

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A heartless Shade and his neo-girlfriend experiment with the Madness, which now has a warped and wicked mind of its own.

SWAMP THING #159

W **MILLAR** [A] **J.THOMPSON**
[C] **T.TAGGART** [E] **S.MOORE**

[F] MANDO ■ $2.25 ■ SHIPS 8/15

A young boy is kidnapped by a bizarre club whose members plan to make him the main course at their next dinner. But there are other dishes on the menu...including a generous portion of Swamp Thing. Guest artist: Jill Thompson (THE INVISIBLES, THE SANDMAN).

VERTIGO GALLERY: DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES

[A] **VARIOUS** [C] **McKEAN** [E] **KAHAN**

[F] MIRAWEB ONE-SHOT ■ $3.50
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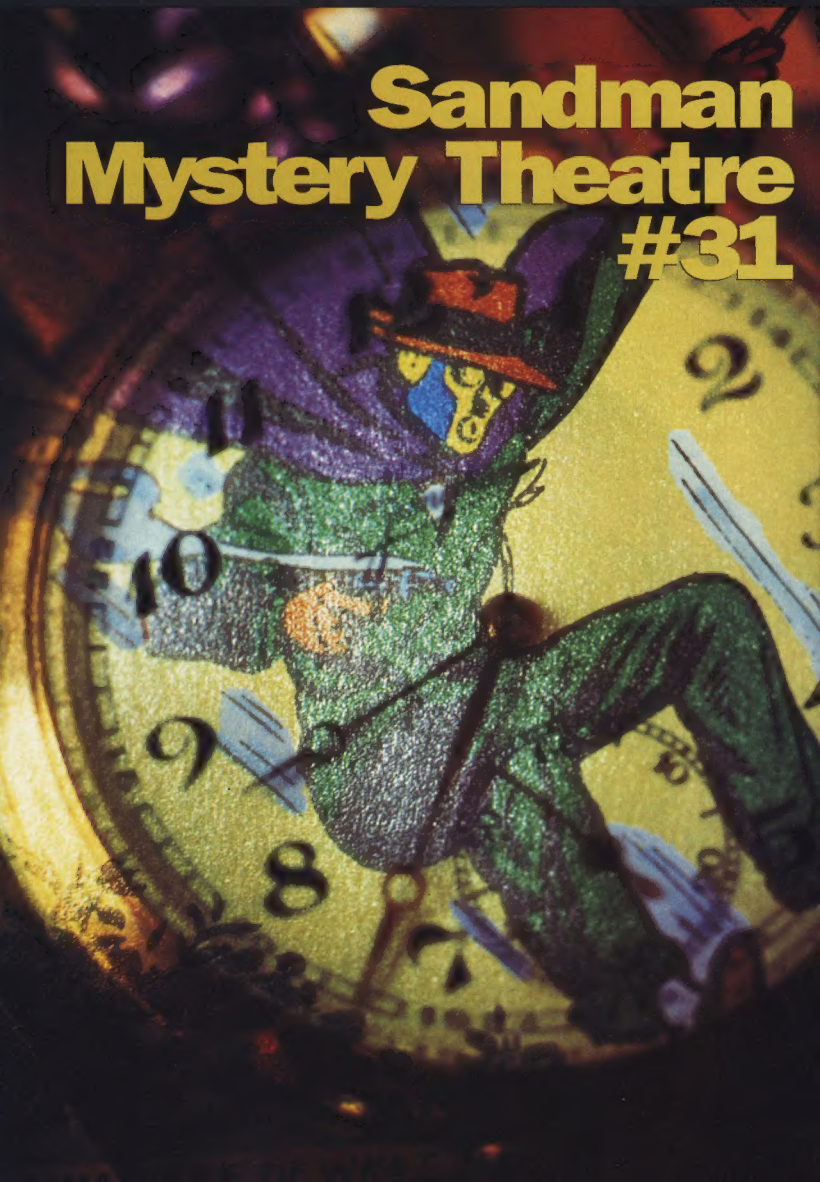

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